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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Tasuku SUGIMOTO

Group Art Unit: 2624

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Examiner: E. PARK

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For: IMAGE PROCESSING DEVICE

APPLICANT'S SEPARATE RECORD OF PERSONAL INTERVIEW

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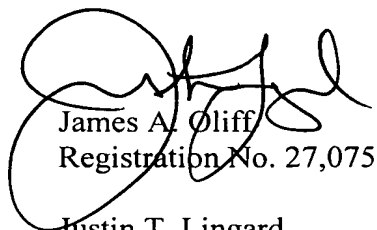
Applicant appreciates the courtesies shown to Applicant's representative during the February 24, 2009 personal interview. The following is Applicant's separate record of the personal interview.

During the interview, Applicant's representative argued that Jayant discloses setting the new pixel value as the median of the maximum intensity, the minimum intensity and the original intensity of the subject pixel, not based on (1) and original pixel value of a subject pixel, (2) a vector magnitude of a differential vector and (3) a pixel value of an adjustment pixel that is positioned in a vector direction of the differential vector. Further, Applicant's representative argued that the maximum intensity and the minimum intensity calculated in Jayant each correspond to the average pixel values of three pixels and, therefore, cannot correspond to Applicant's claimed adjustment pixel, which is defined in the independent claims as at least one of either a pixel in the claimed vector direction or in a direction

opposite to the vector direction, the adjustment pixel having a pixel value closest to the original pixel value of a subject pixel.

Therefore, independent claims 1, 13, 14 and 20 are patentable over the combination of Norimatsu and Jayant. Thus, it is respectfully requested that the rejections be withdrawn.

Respectfully submitted,



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